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AMATEUR RADIO RESPONDS TO ATTACK ON USA

More than 500 Amateur Radio Operators responded to the attack on the USA on September 11, 2001. They served in all three locations where airliners were crashed by terrorists. New York Amateur Radio Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service volunteers served the World Trade Center site. The Pentagon site was served by the Virginia Amateur Radio Emergency Service, the Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club, and the Arlington County ARES Emergency Team.

The New York shelters, served by Amateur Radio, were shut down September 23rd. and the RACES activation was terminated on Monday, September 24th. Service in New York to the Red Cross was completed on September 25th. Volunteer activity by hams continues using the work of New York and New Jersey area amateurs.

ARRL New York City-Long Island Section Manager, George Tranos, N2GA, says, "The system works and our 'hobby' has performed well as a service to the public."

Next Meeting — Wednesday, October 10 at 7 PM

QRP has become one of the strongest facets of Amateur Radio. Wes Hayward, W7ZOI, will lead us through the latest in QRP. If you are "into" QRP, bring your rigs and accessories for "show and tell" at the break. Come at 6:00 pm and enjoy the no-host Elks' Buffet line.

Club Elections, Janet Bell, WB7FJC

...say YES!

The nominating process has begun for election of Officers and Board Members for 2002. The Elections Committee serves as our Nominating Committee. Janet Bell, WB7FJC is serving as Chair of our Elections Committee. She can be reached at 503-648-4147 and by email at wb7fjc@arrl.net.

Open in this election are:

President	1 year term
Vice President	1 year term
Secretary	1 year term
Treasurer	1 year term

Trustee Position 3	2 year term
Trustee Position 4	2 year term
Trustee Position 5	2 year term

Don't wait for the Committee to approach you. If you have an interest in serving the Club, call Janet. When you are approached, say YES!

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"The system works..."

ARRL SM, George Tranos, N2GA

OTVARC Trailer Work Day, Alvin, KB7VHI

We had lots of fun improving and fixing up the OTVARC Trailer. The work day convened at Alvin Carlson's, KB7VHI house, Saturday, September 22nd at 9:00 am. Actually, it started on Friday when Alvin went to pick up the trailer and discovered that it had a flat tire. Since the spare is somewhat bald we ended up purchasing a new tire to provide safe transport.

The projects that we intended to complete were: cleaning the tongue and rear bumper for priming, and painting the door.

Linda Sutton, KC7YTD, supervised, worked on stitchery, and tossed tools to the roof of the trailer. Fortunately, Home Depot is close, since KB7VHI made three separate trips for parts, with appropriate help from a KB7VHI son. Alvin's project was to install some 2 inch angle aluminum on the roof to reinforce the box and roof and to seal the box from weather more effectively. Two trips to Home Depot for parts! Mel Sutton, KB7PVW, prepared the tongue and back bumper for priming. He and Everett Curry, W6ABM, primed both for the winter. W6ABM took on the door project.. Amazing how nice a new paint job makes our trailer entrance.

Somewhere about this time, we all declared it was time for lunch and Norene Carlson, NOCALL, was dispatched for pizza. Boy did we pig out, with salad, pizza, pop, yogurt, and brownies. Not to forget the mid-morning snack of banana bread, chocolate chip cookies and coffee. We weren't about to become weak from hunger.

Earlier this year, just before field day, we discovered that the roof had leaked — and was leaking. To determine the extent of the damage, some of the ceiling panels were removed and the sodden insulation dispatched. At Work Day we checked for leakage and found no new problems. Apparently the sealing job that KB7VHI and Dee Lynch, K7JRB, performed was successful. KB7PVW and W6ABM completed the repair to the ceiling and installed new insulation, paneling, and molding.

While KB7PVW and W6ABM were finishing up the interior ceiling, Jack Smithson, KA7HOJ, arrived and helped KB7VHI finish the install of the roof angle aluminum (can't really call it angle iron). The screws that caused the original leakage were 3/4" screws, this time we used 1/2" screws that had the points ground off (actually only 3/8").

At this point the major projects were done and the trailer was almost ready for Winter. So we called it a day, picked up, cleaned up, and said goodbye around 4 PM.

On Sunday KB7VHI and Norene did a few more things to complete the Winter preparation; Norene painted the top of the antenna box and KB7VHI added a bungee cord to control the folding table that is stored in the trailer closet. Good work by all and keep the following projects in mind for the spring work day where we will: paint the inside and outside of the antenna box, paint the tongue and bumper again (this time to cover the primer).

One would think the story ends here, but no. When KB7VHI returned the trailer to its storage location at the East Precinct, one of the Police Sergeants wanted to know why it was stored there and could it find another home. Apparently they are doubling the staffing at that location and need the space in the parking lot. The East Precinct will be moving to a new building early next year and it is not clear that there will be space for the trailer. The OTVARC board working on alternative secure parking sites.

The Fall "Give-away" is growing

This 2 meter and 440 dual-band handheld is our Fall give-away. Tickets are available at club meetings through December. The drawing will take place at the Christmas Party, December 12.

Weighing in at 14.3 oz, this two band rig has expanded receive (118 - 174 MHz and 440 - 470 MHz), one-touch band switching and 70 memory channels. Auto repeater function. Auto power OFF. Internal guide function LCD backlighting for easy night operation. A wall charger included. Its just 2.3 x 4.8 x 1.1 in size. It will run 5 watts out of the box and 6 watts with the optional DC power cable.

This is dual bander of your dreams! Be sure your ticket is in the drawing. Get yours! They are just 3 for \$1 or 18 for \$5.



EXAM News, Carl, WS7L

We hold Exam Sessions on the first Saturday of each even numbered month through 2001. Remaining dates are 6 October and 1 December. For other exam opportunities, send an email request to W7OTV@yahoo.com.

Contact Carl, WS7L, 503-629-5796 or ws7l@arrl.net, to register. Reimbursement amount for 2001 is \$10.00 per exam session.

THE YOUNGEST VOLUNTEER, Diane Ortiz, K2DO, The ARRL Letter

Ten-year-old Beverly Holtz of Huntington, Long Island, New York, was distraught after hearing of the tragedy at the World Trade Center. I slowly explained what the news footage meant," said her father Fred Holtz, K2PSY. "The first thing she said was that she wanted to help." Neither of them realized just how soon she would get the chance. About six years ago Fred Holtz revived his interest in Amateur Radio. Soon his young daughter showed an interest in the hobby. Together they studied the electronics and Beverly was especially interested in the questions on emergency procedures. "I told her that they were very important and you never knew when you would need them," Holtz said.

Father and daughter joined the local radio club and started going to meetings. Eventually she took the FCC exam for the Technician license and passed! She couldn't wait for her license to arrive and was ready to get on the air. Beverly's new ticket finally arrived Friday, September 14, and she was officially KC2IKT. The next day she and her dad were running errands in the car, listening to an emergency net being run on a local repeater, when they heard a call go out for volunteers to staff a shelter as part of the response to the World Trade Center attack. "We can do that!" Beverly told her dad. Fred Holtz called net control and explained that his daughter was only 10 and wanted to help.

"No problem," they were told. That afternoon they reported to the Red Cross shelter in Valley Stream, New York. Some 40 European students were staying at the shelter after being stranded when flights were cancelled at the nearby airports in New York City. Using her dad's hand-held transceiver, Beverly answered questions from net control, relayed health-and-welfare traffic and was the only radio operator for the entire eight-hour shift. "I was very impressed that [net control] treated her as an equal and that she was able to do it," her dad said. "She really had a trial by fire!" Beverly said that the eight hours seemed like one hour. "I can't wait to do more," she said. "It made me feel good to help."

Pacific Northwest VHF Society, by Alan, KB7POR

A new organization is forming to bring together VHF, UHF, and microwave operators in the northwest. The kickoff was during the Northwest VHF Conference in Tacoma on September 22. Thirty-five charter members signed up. Charter memberships will be open to anyone signing up by October 31, 2001.

There has been a lot of discussion over the last several years about forming an organization. An annual conference has been held for the last 6 years, but it was done by a one or two dedicated people. This year Jim Aquirre, W7DHC, and Lynn Burlingame, N7CFO, took the bull by the horns and put an organization together. They have written a draft constitution and bylaws, filed papers of incorporation, and opened a bank account. By flip of the coin they divided up the office of president and secretary/treasurer. The Society is off and running.

The organization has many opportunities ahead of it. Some of them are to encourage weak-signal work in the VHF and up bands, provide a communications channel for people interested in VHF weak signal work, and sponsor technical and social events. A web page and online newsletter are planned, with an interim web site up and running. Lynn has already started a web site to catalog good mountain top operating locations. The opportunities are almost unlimited.

Membership is open to anyone interested in VHF and up weak signal operating. At the present time there are no annual dues, just a \$10 membership fee. The application can be found at <http://pw1.netcom.com/~n7cfo/pnwsociety/PNWVHFS.pdf>. Jim can be reached by email, phone, and SNAIL, at w7dhc@arrl.net, 425-222-6149, or POB 527, Preston WA 98050.

If you are interested in this kind of operating and tired of hearing no one on the bands, here is your chance to make things better. Join, make your voice heard, and find out where all those other VHF+ folks are hanging out. You can call me, Alan Chinnock, KB7POR, at 503-636-2237 or kb7por@aol.com.



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KB6TAM Sets Dec. 7th Completion Date

Ham-sailor pins down arrival in US: David Clark, KB6TAM, who's trying to be the oldest person to sail solo around the world, has set Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, as his new "confirmed" date of arrival in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Clark is in Trinidad, sitting out the Atlantic hurricane season.

Clark told his wife, Lynda, that he was saddened by the September 11 terrorist attacks. "He has been following the news in Trinidad via TV," she said. "It makes him homesick to be back in the USA where he can be close to his family, and he is very anxious to get under way again." Clark will leave Trinidad the first week in November. A Gala celebration is set for the Marriott Marina on 17th Street Causeway, Fort Lauderdale.

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

23 November

Santa Claus Parade
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4 May 2002

Walk To Cure Diabetes
Diabetes Association
Betty Mickley N7REX
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BRUNCH BUNCH

The October Lunch Bunch
Is Sunday, October 28th at
1:30 pm. We'll be at
ABHIRUCHI: South and
North Indian Cuisine, 3815
SW Murray Blvd, Beaverton
in the K-Mart Plaza.

If you haven't joined in this
social aspect of OTVARC,
give it a try! "Old-timers" are
welcome, too.

TRAVELERS'

There is no October
Travelers' excursion.

The November trip will take
us to Grande Ronde where
we will gather at the
"Wandering Spirit" RV Park,
28800 Highway 18.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, December 12 has been set for the Christmas Dinner for Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club. The festive evening will be held in the Ballroom at the Beaverton Elks' Club, announces Julie Landers, KD7GQW, General Chairman for the event.

A traditional dinner, entertainment, "give-away," announcement of Officers and Board for 2002, and a great time for members and their guests. Mark your calendar now and join us for this great evening.

Hiram Percy Maxim Award

At the recent Missouri State Convention, ARRL Midwest Division Director Wade Walstrom, W0EJ, presented 2000 Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award winner Thaddeus W. Huff, KC0AQQ, with a plaque and a check for \$1000.

Huff, 19, lives in Clarence, Missouri, and attends Moberly Community College, where he majors in criminal justice. Huff is active in community development and has spearheaded several programs to benefit his community, including an exhibit at the Clarence Community Resources Exposition to demonstrate Amateur Radio and emergency communications.

A member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, he has organized severe weather spotting courses for Macon and Shelby counties.

The Hiram Percy Maxim Award goes each year to a radio amateur under age 21 whose accomplishments and contributions are of the most exemplary nature within the framework of Amateur Radio activities.

The award was established in 1936, and formal nominations come from section managers.



PCSat Successfully Launched from Alaska, Bob Bruninga, WB4APR

PCSat, a US Naval Academy Amateur Radio tracking and communications satellite, was launched at 0240z 30 Sept! Original launch orbital elements remain within a minute or so. Telemetry has been heard! See TELEMETRY screen at web.usna.navy.mil/~bruninga/pcsat.html. Launch was from the Kodiak Alaska Launch Complex. See story in the September Oscillator.

PCsat is not authorized for users at this time. It is undergoing operational check out and needs a clear uplink without congestion. So far we have been unable to command and load the A side due to all the congestion on the uplink. Please, no uplinks until PCsat is authorized for users. See User Service contract at the web site.

The web site has a graphic which shows the first 4 orbits starting at separation off the coast of Somalia 70 minutes after launch. The graphic shows what populations of amateur satellite operators first heard signals. As of 0600Z we had heard of confirmations from our Launch Information Network of key stations. Reports have been heard from Alaska, Hawaii, the SANAE station in Antarctica, and South Africa. As you can see, first passes over the USA were almost 9 orbits later the next morning.

Originally scheduled to launch September 1st from Alaska. PCSat will augment the existing Amateur Radio Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS) by providing links to the 90 percent of Earth's surface not covered by the terrestrial networks.

PCSat was designed and assembled by midshipmen at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, to gain practical hands-on experience in support of their aerospace curriculum. The students worked under the guidance of Academy Senior Project Engineer Bob Bruninga, WB4APR -- the "father of APRS."

WILDFIRES STRETCH NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ARES TEAM

The wildfire rampage in Northern California took a toll on Amateur Radio Emergency Service resources there. Sacramento Valley-North Section Emergency Coordinator Dave Thorne, K6SOJ, says maintaining 24-hour-per-day operations at evacuation centers and at the Red Cross chapter in Chico, plus providing field operators and HQ stations for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection exhausted the pool of trained ARES operators. "As of today, things are beginning to de-escalate, and our ARES members are being released as appropriate," Thorne said September 10.

The latest major wildfire erupted September 6 north of Lake Oroville in Butte County. Dubbed the "Poe Fire," it consumed more than 7500 acres, destroyed 27 homes, and prompted the evacuation of more than 400 residences, according to news reports. Emergency Coordinator Steve Kaps, N6NPN, says that the Butte/Glenn County ARES team was activated right away by the county emergency manager to provide emergency and auxiliary communication for the American Red Cross. Kaps said ARES also assisted CDF when its normal communication channel became overloaded. The Sacramento Valley Section mutual aid plan was activated last Friday, September 7, but ARES teams from nearby Shasta County already were involved in their own fire-related activity and unavailable. Thorne says ARES operators from Tehama County and from as far away as Siskiyou County were dispatched. "These dedicated volunteers are to be commended," he said. "For some it was over a 300 mile round trip, and they pay their own expenses."

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Birthdays for October:

Please join in wishing these folks a "Happy Birthday" in October:

10/1: Bob KB7MFD; 10/3: Rich W7QMD; 10/10: Jim KA7TQG; 10/13: Ron K7GX; 10/14: Tom KA7NAM; 10/16: Bud KB7NUO; 10/17: Bud KC7PS; 10/22: Richard KB7EWX and Gus KC7XB; 10/23: Brendan KD7LAH; 10/28: Mark KC7STP and Carl WS7L; 10/31: Brad N7NVC and Warren W7JDT

Hamfests And Conventions

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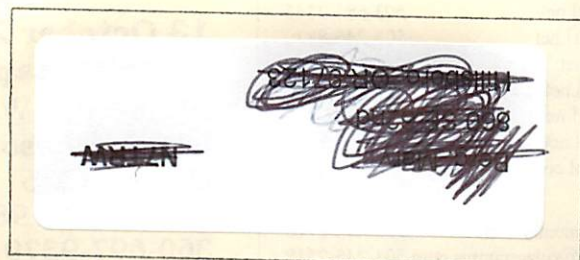
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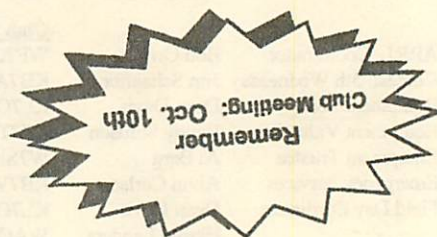
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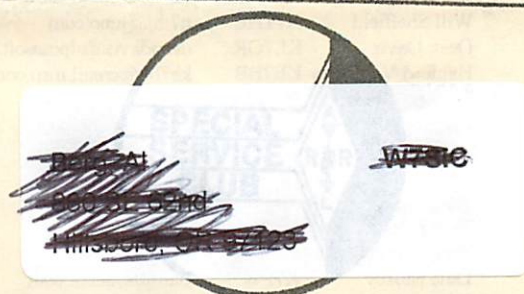
Our intent is to promote the advancement of Amateur Radio Service through these five objectives:

1. Education & Training of new and licensed Amateurs.
2. Public Service during community events & activities.
3. Emergency communications in emergencies & disasters.
4. Hobby enhancement through meetings, nets & contests.
5. Social contact with amateurs & other interested persons.

Special Service Club: OTVARC is an ARRL Special Service Club. The ARRL grants us this distinction due to our participation in emergency preparedness exercises, public service events and other service-oriented programs. In addition, continuing educational and training programs are conducted for FCC licenses. OTVARC benefits when you join or renew your membership in the ARRL through the club. Contact the treasurer at any regular meeting.

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Meetings: We have two meetings per month. The General meeting is on the second Wednesday of each month at the Beaverton Elks Lodge, 3500 SW 104th Ave. (1 block north of Canyon Road). Meetings start at 7 PM. If you would like to come early, you can get a nice meal from the Elks for less than \$7.00. The Board meeting is on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Club business is conducted at this meeting. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the President for location and time.

Membership: OTVARC is open to anyone who is interested in amateur radio. You do not need to be a licensed radio amateur to join. Dues are: Full member, \$10/yr; Associate member (non-licensed), \$10/yr; Family members of full member, \$5/yr; Life memberships available - see the Treasurer. Only full members and life members may vote on club business and serve as club officers. All memberships expire on the last day of the calendar year. If you would like to join during the year, see the club treasurer for prorated dues schedule.

How to join: Mail a Membership application and/or renewal form with your dues to the Club address.